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# **TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 108 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ASSAULTING TWO PASQUA YAQUI POLICE OFFICERS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** –The United States Attorneys Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on July 14, 2003, Victor Bracamonte, (D.O.B. 6/17/66) of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment, by United States District Judge Frank R. Zapata, in Tucson, Arizona.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 at approximately 10:17 pm, Pasqua Yaqui Police Officers Cannon and Gastelum responded to a domestic disturbance call at 5070 W. Vai Sevoi on the Pasqua Yaqui Indian Reservation. When they arrived, the defendant Victor Bracamonte, came out of the house and attacked Officer Cannon with a curved cutting tool commonly used to cut down grass. Officer Cannon sustained two large lacerations on his left arm that went down to the bone. His arm is permanently disabled as a result of the assault. Officer Valenzuala also responded to the scene. He and other responding officers were able to subdue the defendant in the front yard. During the arrest, however, the defendant hit Officer Valenzuala

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in the back with the cutting tool. The defendant was arrested and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorneys Office for multiple counts of assault and attempted murder.

Victor Bracamonte pled guilty to two counts of assault with intent to commit murder on March 20, 2003. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Pasqua Yaqui Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Sean C. Chapman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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